



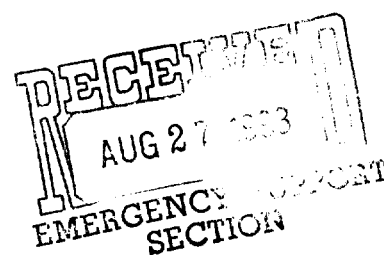
**Diamond Shamrock**

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Harry D. Wright, Jr., P.E.  
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August 26, 1993

OVERNIGHT EXPRESS

Ms. Linda Beasley  
Emergency Support Section  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, HSE-5J  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590



Re: **Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois Site  
6500 Industrial Highway  
Gary, Indiana**

Dear Ms. Beasley:

This letter is in response to the July 23, 1993 Request for Information letter from Mr. Richard Karl, Acting Chief, Emergency Response Branch, USEPA, Region 5, to Diamond Shamrock Inc. concerning the above referenced site.

Diamond Shamrock, Inc. ("DSI") and its wholly owned operating subsidiary, Diamond Shamrock Refining and Marketing Company ("DSRMC"), are frequently mis-identified as being the old Diamond Shamrock Corporation. Diamond Shamrock, Inc. (DSI) has not had any business operations relating to chemical manufacturing and distribution and does not have any information related to the Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois Site. This site may be related to activities of Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company.

In 1986, Maxus Energy Corporation (then Diamond Shamrock Corporation) sold all the stock of Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company to a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation; and in 1987, Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company merged with Occidental Chemical Corporation (a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation).

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On April 30, 1987, DSI and its subsidiary DSRMC were "spun-off" from Diamond Shamrock Corporation. Diamond Shamrock Corporation thereafter changed its name to Maxus Energy Corporation. DSI is a publicly owned company and completely independent of Maxus Energy Corporation. DSRMC operates crude oil refineries in Texas and pipelines and terminals in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Accordingly, inquiries concerning the former Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company should be directed to:

Occidental Chemical Corporation  
Occidental Tower  
5005 LBJ Freeway  
Dallas, TX 75244.

Please call me at (210) 641-2384 if you should have any questions on this information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Wright, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Harry Wright, Jr., P.E.

HW:bab

Enclosures

cc: Occidental Chemical Corporation  
Maxus Energy Corporation

**Response to USEPA Request For Information  
Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois Site  
Gary, Indiana**

**Information Request No.:**

1. Harry Wright, Jr., Environmental Manager, Special Projects and Mont Belvieu  
Dave Danford, General Manager, Environmental Services Dept.
2. No documents were examined to respond to this request for information.  
Information was gathered through discussions with DSRMC personnel of the  
environmental service department.
3. In 1986, Maxus Energy Corporation (then Diamond Shamrock Corporation) sold  
all the stock of Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company to a subsidiary of  
Occidental Petroleum Corporation; and in 1987, Diamond Shamrock Chemicals  
Company merged with Occidental Chemical Corporation (a wholly-owned,  
indirect subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation).

On April 30, 1987, DSI and its subsidiary DSRMC were "spun-off" from  
Diamond Shamrock Corporation. Diamond Shamrock Corporation thereafter  
changed its name to Maxus Energy Corporation. The attached summary further  
describes the history of the Diamond Shamrock name. DSI is a publicly owned  
company and completely independent of Maxus Energy Corporation. DSRMC  
operates crude oil refineries in Texas and pipelines and terminals in Texas,  
Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Entities which may have relevant information are:

Maxus Energy Corporation  
717 North Harwood Street  
Dallas, TX 75201

Occidental Chemical Corporation  
Occidental Tower  
5005 LBJ Freeway  
Dallas, TX 75244.

4. As demonstrated by responses to other questions regarding this request, no  
DSRMC facilities are associated with the Site. No single facility can be related to  
the Site and therefore the EPA Identification Numbers are not supplied.
5. To the best of our information, no persons are known that may have caused the  
release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or  
materials at the Site.
6. To the best of our information, DSRMC has not been involved with any  
arrangements with Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois and/or Norman  
Hjersted in relation to the Site, with respect to purchasing, receiving, supplying,

processing, storing, treating, disposing, or otherwise handling hazardous substance, pollutants, contaminants, or materials at the Site.

7. To the best of our information, DSRMC has not used, purchased, supplied, stored, treated, disposed, transported, or otherwise handled any hazardous substance, pollutants, contaminants, or materials at or to the Site.
8. To the best of our information, DSRMC knows of no persons (including DSRMC employees) who have knowledge or information about the use, purchase, supply, storage, treatment, disposal, transportation, or other handling of any hazardous materials at or to the Site. Please refer to Response No. 3.
9. To the best of our information, DSRMC knows of no persons (including DSRMC employees) who have arranged for transportation, disposal, or treatment of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or materials at or to the Site. Please refer to Response No. 3.

Request Numbers **10** through **14** - As demonstrated by responses to other questions regarding this request, DSRMC is not associated with the Site, and therefore, copies of items requested are not supplied.